

2012-2013 NJ FFA State Association Calendar of Events

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In Cooperation with New Jersey Department of Education

Details on events are made available to every teacher of agriculture at least one month before the event on the Ag Ed Bulletin Board: <http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/events.htm>. Due dates for applications are absolute. Applications must be postmarked by the date indicated or they will not be accepted. Pre-registration with payment by due dates is required. Applications, registrations and announcements outlined in this calendar can be accessed through the State Activity Guide on the NJ Agricultural Education website. All registrations should be sent to ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us. *If a deadline falls on the weekend or a holiday, the deadline is extended to the next business day. Member of the Month applications must be physically in the office by 2:00 pm on the day of the state meeting.

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| September 1 Saturday* | September Member of the Month Applications due (5.001) |
| September 10 Monday | State Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm |
| September 12 Wednesday | Pre-registration for Leadership Experience and Development (LEAD) Conference due Chapter Officer Leadership Training, Leadership and Opportunities Conference, and State Greenhand Conference (6.000b) |
| September 14-16 Fri. - Sun. | Eastern Regional FFA Career Development Events Eastern States Exposition, W. Springfield, MA. |
| September 21 Friday | Registration for Fall Agricultural Education Teachers Conference due |
| September 24 Monday | State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm |
| September 28 | Fall Agricultural Education Teachers Conference Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550 New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting (following Ag Ed Conference) |
| September 28 Friday | Star State Award Applications Due (Greenhand – 14.016a and Chapter – 14.016b) |
| September 30 Sunday* | Program Affiliation Contracts Due |
| October 1 Monday | October Member of the Month Applications due (5.001) Chapter Officer List due (1.004a) CHAPTER OFFICER NAMES, ADDRESSES, EMAIL AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS (REQUIRED TO RETAIN A CHAPTER'S CHARTER) |
| October 1 Monday | State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 4:00 pm |

Reminder: Collect Ag Education Student Information Data (due May 15)

http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/bulletin/AgStuCareerIntReportForm.xls

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| October 5-6 Fri. – Sat. | Leadership Experience and Development Conference Chapter Officer Leadership Training, Leadership and Opportunities Conference, and State Greenhand Conference, Crowne Plaza Monroe/South Brunswick |
| October 9 Tuesday | State FFA Foundation Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm |
| October 10 Wednesday | State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm |
| October 12 Friday | Pre-registration for Fall Career Development Events due (7.000b) |
| October 24-27 Wed. - Sat. | 85th National FFA Convention and National FFA Career Development Events Indianapolis, IN |
| November Tuesday | New Jersey Ag Ed Advisory Council Meeting TBA |
| November 1 Thursday | Membership Roster Due Using Ag Career Network |
| November 1 Thursday | November Member of the Month Application due (5.001) |
| November 5 Monday | State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm |
| November 7 Wednesday | Pre-registration for 212° Conference due (9.003a) |
| November 12 Monday | New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm |
| November 15 Thursday | Fall Career Development Events , School of Environmental and Biological Sciences 9:30 am -1:30 pm 1. Land Judging 2. Milk Quality and Products 3. Turf Management 4. Fruits and Vegetables Identification |
| November 17 Saturday | New Jersey FFA Alumni Turkey Trot 5K Veterans Park (Kuser Road Entrance), Hamilton, NJ 9:30 am - TBA |
| November 19 Monday | State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm |
| Nov. 27- Dec 1 Tues. - Sat. | National Association of Agricultural Educators Convention Atlanta, GA – Hilton Atlanta |
| December 1 Saturday | 212° Conference Rutgers University 9:00 am – 9:30 pm |
| December 1 Saturday | December Member of the Month Application due (5.001) Program of Activities due (1.004b) CHAPTER PROGRAMS OF ACTIVITIES DUE IN THE STATE OFFICE (REQUIRED TO RETAIN CHAPTER CHARTERS) |
| December 3 Monday | State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm |

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| December 12 Wednesday | State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm |
| December 17 Monday | State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm |
| 2013 | |
| January 1 Tuesday | January Member of the Month Application due (5.001) |
| January 14 Monday | State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 9:00 am |
| | Reminder: Collect Ag Education Student Information Data (due May 15) http://www.jerseyageducation.nj.gov/agriculture/ag_ed/bulletin/AgStuCareerIntReportForm.xls |
| January 8 Tuesday | State FFA Foundation Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm |
| January 9 Wednesday | Pre-registration for State Officer Candidate School due (9.004a) |
| January 18 Friday | State Officer Banquet Speech Workshop , Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200, 6:00 pm |
| January 21 Monday | State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm |
| January 22 Tuesday | New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm |
| January 26 Saturday | State Officer Candidates' School , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (<i>Snow date: February 2</i>) |
| February 1 Friday | February Member of the Month Application due (5.001) Pre-registration for Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day Event due (2.001a) |
| | Chapter Nominations for Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Award due to State Office (Honorary – 14.019 and Distinguished – 14.018) |
| February 4 Monday | State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 4:00 pm |
| February 5-7 Tuesday – Thur. | New Jersey Agricultural Convention & Trade Show and Annual State Agricultural Convention Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, NJ |
| February 6 Wednesday | New Jersey Ag Ed Advisory Council Meeting (at State Ag Convention) Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, NJ 1:30 pm |
| February 13 Wednesday | State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm |
| February 13 Wednesday | Pre-registration for NJ FFA Horticultural Exposition and Floral Design CDE due (13.003a) (NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PRE-REGISTRATION) |
| February 16-23 Sat. – Sat. | National FFA Week – Chapter promotion of FFA |

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| February 25 Monday | State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm |
| February 28 Thursday | Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day Event The College of New Jersey, 2000 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ (Snow date: March 7) *Please note, this event is NOT being held during FFA Week. |
| February 28- March 3 Thursday-Sunday | State Officer Fuel-Up Conference State Convention Planning Arrowhead Lake, PA |
| March 1 Friday | March Member of the Month application due (5.001) Pre-registration for Online Farm Business Management, Forestry, Meat Evaluation and Agronomy CDEs due (10.000a) |
| March 1 Friday | Landscape Design Plans (13.004) due into the State Office |
| March 4 Monday | State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm |
| March 15 Friday | Nominating Committee Application Due (14.004) |
| March 15 Friday | State and American Degree Applications are due (State Degree – 14.007) Proficiency Award Applications Due – available on www.ffa.org |
| March 15 Friday | Floral Design Career Development Event Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550, 10:00 am |
| March 15-17 Fri. - Sun. | NJ FFA Horticultural Expo Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550 |
| March 18 Monday | State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture Webinar |
| March 19 Tuesday | New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting Online Meeting, 5:00 pm |
| March 20 Wednesday | Farm Business Management, Forestry, Meat Evaluation and Agronomy CDEs Administered Online (MyCAERT.com) |
| March 22 Friday | Pre-registration for Spring Career Development Events due (13.001a) |
| March 26 Tuesday | Proficiency, American & State Degree Selection Committee NJ Dept. of Agriculture, 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st Floor, Board Room, 4:00 pm |
| April 1 Monday | Applications are due for the following awards presented at the convention: The following applications can also be found on the New Jersey FFA Website at <ol style="list-style-type: none"> State FFA Scholarship Applications (14.008) Advisor of the Year Application (14.009) National Chapter Award Application Form I and Form II available on www.ffa.org Superior Chapter Application (National Chapter Award Form I) Most Improved Chapter Application (15.014) |

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6. **Member of the Year Application** (5.001)
7. **FFA Week Application** (15.013)
8. **Essay Event** (14.024) Four typewritten copies of essay need to be submitted.
9. **WLC Scholarship Application** (14.022)
10. **Blue Jackets Bright Futures Application** (14.010)
11. **Princeton Agricultural Association Leadership Award** (14.025)
12. **8,000 Hour Challenge/Outstanding Service Project Award** (14.026)
13. **National Convention Scholarship Application Due** (14.021)
14. **State Talent Application** (14.027)
15. **Video Public Relations Event** (14.028)
16. **Hall of States** (14.030)

April 1
Monday

Honorary American Degree For Teachers due to the State Office

Pre-registration for Livestock/Dairy Judging CDEs due (12.007b & 12.008b)

April 1
Monday

April Member of the Month Application due (5.001)

April 1
Monday

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April 3
Wednesday

Agriscience Fair Registration, Application, and Written Report due (16.001b)

(Please note – 5 copies of the written report are due with the application) Only National Agriscience fair registrations, application and report will be accepted!

April 10
Wednesday

Delegates, Courtesy Corps and Members names pre-registered for State Convention/Career Development Events due for 84th State FFA Convention. Advisor Assurance Forms are due with Convention Registration. Registration for the events listed below are due and included on the registration form.

1. **3-5 and 6-8 minute Public Speaking (15.003) (Speeches due April 10th)**
Ten typewritten copies of speeches (**with cover page to include Title of Speech, Contestant, Chapter and State, and Name of Event**) due at State FFA Office on this date for distribution to judges. *Those who do not submit 10 copies of their speech on time will not be registered to compete.*
2. **Demonstration (Ten copies of outline Due April 10th) (14.006)**
3. **Charles Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Contest**
4. **Creed**
5. **Extemporaneous Public Speaking**
6. **Portable Exhibit (14.005)**
7. **Job Interview (14.017) (Job Interview materials due April 10th)**
Ten copies of resume, cover letter and 3 letters of reference are due at State FFA Office on this date for distribution to judges. *Those who do not submit 10 copies of their materials on time will not be registered to compete.*

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8. **Agricultural Issues Forum (10 copies of Portfolio due April 10th)**
Rules
9. **Official Ceremonies (15.015)**
10. **Tractor Driving (15.002) (Safety Assurance Form due April 10th)**
(found on the convention registration form)
11. **FFA Quiz Bowl (15.016)**
12. **Artwork Competition (15.018)**
13. **Teach Agriculture Event (14.029) (10 copies of Lesson Plan due April 10th)**

April-TBA
Saturday

State FFA Livestock & Dairy Career Development Events
Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, PA, 8:15 am-3:00 pm

April 9
Tuesday

State FFA Foundation Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm

April 10
Wednesday

State Alumni Meeting and State Officer Retiring Address Workshop, NJ Dept. of Agriculture, 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st floor, Board Room, 5:00 pm

April 11

Applications Judged by State Awards Selection Committee, NJ Dept. of Agriculture, 1st floor, Board Room. 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

April 15
Monday

State FFA Executive Board Work Session, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm

April 18
Thursday

Spring Career Development Events
School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
9:30 am -1:30 pm

1. Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems
2. Floriculture
3. Nursery/Landscape
4. Ag Sales
5. Environmental and Natural Resources
6. Veterinary Science

April 24
Wednesday

Agriscience Fair, Rutgers EcoComplex, 3:00 – 6:00 pm

May
(Tentative)

Poultry Career Development Event in Pennsylvania
(Details to follow)

May 1
Wednesday

May Member of the Month Application due (5.010)

State Officer Applications Due (15.001)

May 1
Wednesday

State FFA Association Monthly Meeting, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm

May 13
Monday

State FFA Executive Board Work Session, NJ Dept. of Agriculture
369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 2nd Floor Room 206, 4:00 pm

May 15
Wednesday

Ag Education Student Data Information Due

May 19-20
Sun. - Mon.

State officer set up and practice for state convention

May 21

New Jersey Ag Ed Council Meeting (at State FFA Convention)

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| Tuesday | Hickman Hall, Rutgers University, 2:00 pm |
| May 21 Tuesday | New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Meeting (at State FFA Convention) Hickman Hall, Rutgers University, 6:00 pm |
| May 21-23 Tues. - Thur. | 84th State FFA Convention School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University Pre-registration required. <i>Events to be held:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3-5 and 6-8 minute Public Speaking (15.003) (Registration and 10 copies of speech Due April 10th) 2. Demonstration (14.006) (Registration and five copies of outline Due April 10th) 3. Charles Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Contest (Registration Due April 10th) 4. Creed (15.006) (Registration Due April 10th) 5. Extemporaneous Public Speaking (Registration Due April 10th) 6. Portable Exhibit (14.005) (Application Due April 10th) 7. Job Interview (14.017) (Registration and 10 copies of materials Due April 10th) 8. Agricultural Issues Forum (10 copies of Portfolio Due April 10th) 9. Official Ceremonies (15.015) (Registration Due April 10th) 10. Tractor Driving (15.002) (Registration and Safety Assurance Due April 10th) 11. Landscape Design (13.004) (Registration due March 1st) 12. FFA Quiz Bowl (15.016) 13. Art Competition (15.018) 14. Teach Agriculture Event (14.029) 15. Hall of States Exhibit Event (14.030) |
| June 1 Friday | Pre-registration for Summer Career Development Events (12.003b) <i>Horse Judging and Dairy Handlers</i> (To be held at Delaware State Fair) National Convention State Block Rooms Needed and CDE Declaration Forms due |
| June 1 Saturday | June Member of the Month Application due (5.001) |
| June 3 Monday | State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. Of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st Floor Auditorium, 4:00 pm |
| June 8-9 Sat. - Sun. | State Officer Leadership Training Conference , sponsored by New Jersey FFA Alumni Rutgers EcoComplex 1200 Florence- Columbus Rd. Bordentown, NJ 08505-4200 |
| June 12 Wednesday | State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm |
| June 17 Monday | State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm |
| June 18 Tuesday (<i>Tentative</i>) | New Jersey FFA Golf Tournament Mercer Oaks, West Windsor, NJ |
| June 26-28 Wed. - Fri. | BLAST Off - State Officer Training Conference Mercer Soil Conservation District |
| July 1 Monday | State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, NJ, 1 st floor Auditorium, 9 am |
| July 9 Tuesday | State FFA Foundation Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm |

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| July 15 Monday | State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm |
| July 23 Tuesday | Dairy Handlers' Career Development Event at Delaware State Fair (<i>Tentative</i>) (Details to follow) |
| July 22-27 Mon. – Sat. Tentative | State Presidents' Conference , Washington, D.C. (arrive on the 22 nd and leave on the 27 th) |
| July 24 Wednesday | Horse Career Development Event at Delaware State Fair (Details to follow) (<i>Tentative</i>) |
| July 28 – Aug 1 Sun.-Thurs. | National Leadership Conference for State Officers , Maryland |
| August 1-3 Wed. – Sat. | State Officer 360° Training , TBA |
| August 1 Thursday | National Convention Participant List, Room List, Advisor Statement of Assurances and Student Code of Conducts Due to State Office |
| August 5 Monday | State FFA Association Monthly Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, NJ, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 9:00 am |
| August 14 Wednesday | State Alumni Meeting , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Board Room, 6:00 pm |
| August 19 Monday | State FFA Executive Board Work Session , NJ Dept. of Agriculture 369 South Warren & Market Streets, Trenton, 1 st floor, Auditorium, 4:00 pm |

Future National FFA Convention Dates:



Indianapolis, IN
Oct. 24-27, 2012

Louisville, KY
Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 2013
Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2014
Oct. 28-31, 2015

Indianapolis, IN
Oct. 19-22, 2016
Oct. 25-28, 2017
Oct. 24-27, 2018

FFA Mission Statement

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Definition of Agricultural Education for New Jersey

"Agricultural Education prepares people for careers and professional leadership in production, processing, marketing, and distribution of agricultural products, and for related careers in plant and animal technology (including aquatic life), economics, education, mechanics and engineering, natural resources and environmental technology, politics and sociology, and international relations and trade."

Definition of Supervised Agricultural Experience - SAE

"Planned, documented, practical activities conducted outside of the *classroom/laboratory instruction* time in which students develop and apply agricultural knowledge and skills." These experiences (Exploratory, Research/Experimentation and Analysis, Placement, and Ownership/Entrepreneurship) are individualized to meet the needs of a diverse student clientele, and they are supervised by teachers, employers, parents/guardians, and/or other adults who assist students in achieving their objectives.

"The New Jersey FFA

Association is a resource and support organization that does not select, control or supervise local chapter or individual member activities except as expressly provided for in the state FFA constitution, bylaws or policies."